

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

December 9, 2002

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Ollie K. Mumpower

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

X	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Held	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Report from Bruce Johnston, Chief, Division of Engineering Services regarding the County's Facility Planning Study for the East Deer Park Drive Bridge Over CSX

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

Mr. Johnston will be making a presentation to discuss the scope of this project. Following his presentation, Mr. Johnston will be available to answer questions from the Mayor and City Council.

This project provides for facility planning to replace existing bridge #132 on Deer Park Drive. The existing bridge only has ten years of usage left, and must be replaced. It is on the A-255 (Oakmont Rd.) Master Plan alignment and the railroad tracks over which it crosses are on the future Transit way alignment. Therefore, facility planning for this project will require close coordination with these two projects.

Engineering Services Director Ollie Mumpower attended the September 27, 2002, kick off meeting regarding this subject. Attached is a copy of the meeting agenda as well as notes regarding topics discussed at the meeting.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Receive Presentation

**DEER PARK BRIDGE
MEETING AGENDA
09/27/02**

Purpose: Define the Scope and Limits of Study of the Facility Planning Study for the Deer Park Bridge over CSX railroad adjacent to the Town of Washington Grove and City of Gaithersburg.

Introductions

Existing Life Expectancy for the Bridge – 8 years

- Deck replaced and deteriorated concrete abutments repaired (August 2000)
- Repair life expected to last 10

Facility Planning Study Scope

- Options for replacing the bridge
- Feasibility study of including Master Plan alignment for A-255
- A-255 in Master Plan is 4-lane 80' ROW (from Shady Grove to Gaithersburg boundary)
- Corridor City Transitway – requires 50' ROW adjacent to CSX
- Input from Gaithersburg and Washington Grove
- Determine Impacts
- Develop Conceptual Plans
- Project Prospectus

OKM MEETING NOTES

- Old Master Plan calls for 130' ROW with four lanes and transit ROW
- Master Plan is open for update -Process will take several years – this will not occur in a quick enough fashion to ensure that crossing will remain open. County indicated that it takes a minimal of 6 years from start to finish – probably not enough time to wait for Master Plan process
- Existing bridge cannot be maintained must be replaced
 - ✓ Washington Grove concern is size of bridge and 4-lanes as well as visual impact to community
 - ✓ bottom of new structure would need to be 23 feet above RR
- County described options
 - ✓ Rebuild higher
 - ✓ Rebuild to master plan
 - ✓ Washington Grove to maintain
 - ✓ Close crossing
- Town of Washington Grove preferred a Girard Street crossing – this would greatly impact the businesses in the area.
- Town would like to see:
 - ✓ cost of estimates for new bridge
 - ✓ reports indicating bridge cannot continue to be repaired
 - ✓ another waiver to be granted by CSX that would allow bridge to be fixed - County is sure that will not happen
 - ✓ Graphics to be done by county to show various views of what a new bridge would look like

Where to go from here

- Look at various alternatives
- Comments from Gaithersburg about Girard Street crossing
- Next meeting 6 to 8 weeks